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## TURMOIL IN RUSSIA

### BOLSHEVIKI FORCED TO SIGN A PEACE

Lenine and Trotsky, Under Protest, Agree to Sign Peace Terms Demanded by Germany — Teutonic Troops Advancing Into Russia Along a Front of 400 Miles.

The Russian Bolsheviki government has capitulated and announced its readiness, although protesting, to sign a peace compact under the hard terms imposed by Germany.

Notwithstanding this fact, Teutonic troops are advancing eastward into Russia over a front of 400 miles, from Riga in the north to Lutsk, a scant 50 miles from the east Galician border, on the south. Apparently thus far the operation has met with no opposition. The northern reaches of the Dvina river have been crossed by the enemy, the important railroad town of Dvinsk, whence roads run northeastward to Petrograd and eastward to Smolensk, has been captured, and Lutsk, one of the famous fortresses of the Volhynian triangle and forming the gateway leading eastward to Kiev, has been entered without the Russians attempting to stay the foe.

The official announcement of the capitulation was signed by Nikolai Lenine and Leon Trotsky on behalf of the peoples' commission of Russia. It protests against Germany attacking a country which has declared the war at an end and which is demobilizing its armies on all fronts, but under the circumstances, it says, the government regards itself forced formally to declare its willingness "to sign a peace upon the conditions which had been dictated by the delegates of the quadruple alliance at Brest-Litovsk."

The only indication that the enemy will meet with hindrance comes in an announcement by Ensign Krylenko, the Bolsheviki commander-in-chief. In his order he instructs the Russians when they encounter German troops to endeavor to persuade them to refrain from hostilities. "If the Germans refuse," he adds, "then you must offer them every possible resistance."

As yet there is no indication from German sources concerning the full intentions of the invaders, but it has been assumed that in the north the capture of the provinces of Livonia and Esthonia is contemplated, and in the south, in little Russia, aid is to be lent the Ukrainians in stemming the tide of the Bolsheviki movement against them.

Apparently, all is still chaos in Russia, with civil war in progress at various points and the food situation daily growing worse. So serious has become the latter factor that Trotsky has been appointed food controller and given unlimited powers. Already he has ordered the arrest of speculators in foodstuffs.

## LYCEUM ATTRACTION

### PLEASES LARGE AUDIENCE

A large and appreciative audience enjoyed "The Lady of the Decoration" as presented last night at the Central school auditorium by Miss Hetty Jane Dunaway, of the Aikah-Hetty Lyceum Bureau. This was the fifth attraction in the lyceum course being given under the auspices of the Gastonia Public Library. The attraction announced was "The Red Rambler" but the illness of Mr. Sewell, one of the company, rendered it impossible to give the number. However, the audience was delighted with the substitution.

There remains one more attraction in this series. It will be the Berkeley Sextette, consisting of young ladies. The date for it has not yet been announced but it will be within the next month.

At last night's attraction cards were distributed for signatures of those who wanted a lyceum course next year and the management was highly pleased with the number signing. If there are any who did not sign a card last night but who want the course continued, they are requested to sign a card and turn it over as soon as possible to some member of the committee having the matter in charge.

## MR. FRANK C. ABERNETHY WITH BANK OF GASTONIA

Mr. Frank C. Abernethy, for the past five years bookkeeper for the Spencer Lumber Company, has resigned that position to accept a position with the Bank of Gastonia. He will assume his new duties March 1. He will devote a large part of his time to soliciting business.

Mr. Abernethy is a young business man of ability and his many friends will congratulate him on this promotion. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Abernethy and has spent practically all of his life in Gastonia.

**To Save Leftover Paint.**  
After housecleaning, if one has partly used cans of paint or varnish left over, which would soon dry up and become useless, try putting them into small cans and cover with melted paraffin. They will keep indefinitely and can be used as needed.

## TODAY IS WHEATLESS DAY TOMORROW

### One Wheatless and One Meatless Meal

## COMES FROM TRENCHES TO SPEAK IN GASTONIA

Gastonia will have an opportunity tomorrow night to hear an address by Captain David Fallon, of the British Army, who is just from the trenches on the Western front. Capt Fallon has accepted an invitation from County Chairman George W. Wilson of the War Savings Stamp Committee to address the mass meeting to be held at the court house tomorrow night at 7:30 o'clock. Capt Fallon's address alone will make it well worth while for Gastonians to attend this meeting. He has had 13 years service in the British army, was for some time instructor in the militia in Melbourne, Australia, and has seen service in India. Of the original 2,000 men in his regiment with whom he went into the trenches at the outbreak of the war it is said that only 80 are still living.

One of the objects of tomorrow night's meeting is to instruct the various committeemen and speakers who are to go out on the following day, Friday, to start the big War Savings Stamp Campaign in this county. A speaker will be provided for every school in the county and Chairman Wilson hopes to start the ball rolling in such a manner that it will gain momentum daily and will result in Gaston county subscribing soon for its entire apportionment of \$815,000 worth of Thrift and War Savings Stamps.

The public is cordially invited to attend this meeting.

## BECOMES MANAGER OF SHELBY EXCHANGE

Mr. W. B. McKee, for the past six years or more plant foreman here for the Piedmont Telephone & Telegraph Co., has been promoted to the position of manager of the company's exchange at Shelby. He will take up his new work tomorrow. For the present Mr. McKee's family will continue to reside in Gastonia. He succeeds Mr. W. G. Spake, who goes to Waynesboro, Ga., where he will be manager of the Southern Bell Company's exchange.

While congratulating Mr. McKee upon his promotion and wishing him all kinds of success in his new position, his many Gastonia friends regret very much to see Mr. McKee leave Gastonia. He is prominently identified with the Knights of Pythias and the Pythian Drum Corps from both of which he will be very greatly missed.

## EARTHQUAKES KILLS 2,000.

(By International News Service.)  
TOKIO, Feb. 20.—Two thousand lives were lost in an earthquake at Swatow, China, last Wednesday.

## SOME FLOUR MILLS HAVE NOT SECURED LICENSE.

Special to The Gazette.

RALEIGH, Feb. 19.—One North Carolina roller mill is suffering some degree of suspense as a result of its having violated the order of the food administration in selling as much as a barrel of flour to a number of consumers in violation of the order fixing the maximum quantity that may be sold to a rural consumer at 98 pounds and to a town or city consumer, 48 pounds.

There are still a few flour mills in North Carolina which have not yet secured license. The food administration feels that it has given every mill ample warning and any flour mill of any capacity whatsoever that does not procure license at once will be indicted and prosecuted under the food control law, which provides a penalty of \$5,000 or one year's imprisonment or both for this offense.

**Cadiz Older Than Rome.**  
Cadiz, Spain, was founded about four centuries earlier than Rome and about 350 years later than Athens. It is quite generally conceded that the founders were Phoenician-adventurers from Tyre and that the settlement was made about 1100 B. C. Six hundred years after the city was in the possession of the Carthaginians and was one of the great market places of the world. At the end of the second Punic war the city became Roman and advanced to great prosperity and civic dignity, and at one time ranked second to Rome in influence.

According to a statement by the manager of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, the Shipping Board now has 716 shipways, of which 312 are for wooden ships and 404 for steel construction. The program calls for the construction in 1918 of eight times the tonnage delivered in 1916, at a cost of more than \$1,000,000,000.

## PATRIOTIC MEETING OF MASONS FRIDAY NIGHT

Gastonia Masons are preparing for a big patriotic meeting Friday night when a service flag, bearing the names of all the members of Gastonia Lodge No. 369 now in the army and navy, will be unveiled. An elaborate program has been arranged and a number of prominent Masons will be here to participate in the ceremonies.

The meeting will be held in the lodge hall in the Realty building and will begin at 7:30 o'clock. Mr. J. W. Timberlake will be master of ceremonies. Following is the program in full:

Opening exercises.  
Prayer by Rev. J. H. Henderlite, chaplain.  
Song, "America."  
Address of Welcome by Mayor A. M. Dixon.  
Response by Major Claude L. Pridden of Camp Sevier.  
Roll Call of Boys in the Service.  
Presentation of Honor Roll and Service Flag by O. F. Mason.  
Acceptance of Honor Roll and Service Flag by Capt. R. G. Cherry, of Camp Sevier.  
Unveiling of Service Flag by Master P. W. Garland, Jr., mascot.  
Music by Orchestra, "The Star Spangled Banner."  
Impromptu talks by Col. N. A. Mack, Gen. G. G. Gately, Maj. C. L. Pridden and Chaplain B. R. Lacy, all of the 113th Field Artillery, Camp Sevier; Maj. A. L. Bulwinkle, Capt. E. E. Boyce, Capt. R. G. Cherry.  
Patriotic Address by Mr. J. H. Se-park.

## PATRIOTIC SONG SERVICE FRIDAY NIGHT.

In observance of National Song Week and in celebration of Washington's birthday, a patriotic song service will be held at the auditorium of the Central graded school on Friday night of this week, February 22, beginning at 8 o'clock. Everybody is invited to attend, and it is hoped that the parents especially will be present to lend encouragement to the movement. The program, which is given below, includes a number of familiar songs in which the audience will be requested to join the school.

PROGRAM.  
Meaning of National Song Week, by Supt. Joe S. Wray.  
Hymn, Onward Christian Soldiers.  
Origin of the Star Spangled Banner, by Robertson LaFar.  
National Anthem, The Star Spangled Banner.  
Presentation of Service Flag, by Mayor A. M. Dixon.  
Acceptance of Service Flag, by Principal W. P. Grier.  
Honor Roll of Boys in Service from Gastonia School, by Supt. Joe S. Wray.  
Hymn, God Save Our Men.  
Prayer, by Rev. W. C. Barrett.  
Song, Dixie.  
Song, The Old North State.  
Round, Row Your Boat.  
Song, Old Folks at Home.  
Song, My Old Kentucky Home.  
Solo, Selected, by Miss Mabel B. Harris.  
Song, Auld Lang Syne.  
Song, Annie Laurie.  
Song, Home Sweet Home.  
Song, National Hymn, America.

A large harvest of natural ice is being strongly urged. The Food Administration states that assurance can not be given that there will be a sufficient supply of ammonia for the manufacture of the customary amount of artificial ice next summer.

## MR. W. L. BALTHIS TO DO RED CROSS WORK IN FRANCE

Gastonia is to be represented soon on the executive staff of the American Red Cross in France by Mr. W. L. Balthis, senior member of the cotton brokerage firm of W. L. Balthis & Co., who has just been notified by national headquarters that his offer, recently made to go to France, had been accepted. Mr. Balthis was told that he would be expected to sail about the first of March and he will probably leave for an Atlantic port within a week. This appointment carries with it a commission in the regular army but just what his rank will be Mr. Balthis will not know until he reaches the other side.

Mr. Balthis not only does not receive any compensation for his services but pays all of his own expenses. Hence it will be seen that he is "doing his bit" in earnest, inasmuch as he is leaving his business, his home and all of his various interests and is going abroad to engage entirely in humanitarian work at his own expense.

When the Gaston County Red Cross Society was organized some months ago Mr. Balthis was chosen as chairman and at once plunged into the work of organizing the county and building up a large working body of men and women. His efforts have been unusually successful. His heart has been in the work and his interest has constantly grown until he has come to the point of making the larger sacrifice.

A native of Virginia, Mr. Balthis came to Gastonia about 12 years ago from Baltimore and has made his home here ever since. Together with his brother, Mr. Lewis H. Balthis, he has been successfully engaged in the cotton brokerage business. The latter will continue to have charge of the business and the name will remain unchanged. Several years ago Mr. Balthis married Miss Pearl Dixon, a daughter of Mrs. B. F. Dixon, and a sister of Capt. Ben Dixon and Lieut. Wright Dixon, both now in the army. She will remain in Gastonia.

## DALLAS ORGANIZES A \$1,000 W. S. S. CLUB

Following an enthusiastic mass meeting at Dallas last night in the interest of the sale of War Savings Stamps, a \$1,000 club was organized. It started off with three members, namely: Prof. J. B. Henson, Dr. S. A. Wilkins and Mr. L. D. Gribble. It is expected that several more will be added to this list in the near future.

Mr. George W. Wilson, of Gastonia, chairman for Gaston county of the War Savings Stamp Committee, was present and made a stirring appeal to the people of Dallas to do their part in this great drive. Mr. Evon L. Houser presided. Short but stirring patriotic addresses were made by J. B. Henson, E. L. Houser, R. S. Lewis, J. W. Summey, S. A. Wilkins, L. D. Gribble and others.

Patriotic music was furnished by Misses Lela Durham, Leafy Brown, Willie Webb and Mildred White, this being a pleasing feature of the exercises.

Dallas is the first town in the county to start a \$1,000 club and the people of that town are very much interested in pushing the sale of Thrift and War Savings Stamps.

## CITY HAS GENUINE CASE OF MENINGITIS

Gastonia has its first case of cerebro-spinal meningitis, the victim being Woodrow, the five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Padgett, who live at the corner of Second avenue and Weldon street. The case was discovered by Dr. Lee Johnson Monday night. The child became slightly ill Sunday evening but the family did not think it was very sick and a physician was not summoned till late Monday afternoon. Dr. Johnson at once diagnosed the case as cerebro-spinal meningitis and called in City Physician J. A. Anderson. Drs. Johnson and Anderson administered the meningitis anti-toxin serum. They also extracted fluid from the patient's spine and sent it immediately to State Chemist Shore at Raleigh for a microscopical examination. Dr. Johnson is familiar with the disease having been in Philadelphia during an epidemic when he saw a very large number of cases.

Immediately upon the discovery of this case Monday night the entire family was quarantined and Mayor Dixon ordered a strict guard placed over the house both day and night. No one except the physicians in attendance is allowed to go on the place.

Mayor Dixon called a special meeting of the city council last night to consider the situation. After hearing the report from City Physician Anderson and thoroughly discussing the situation, the council decided that, inasmuch as this is probably only a sporadic case, a rigid guard would be maintained but the councilmen did not believe it necessary to close the schools, churches, theaters, etc.

Mayor Dixon stated to The Gazette this morning that the situation would be watched very closely and that, if at any time it appeared that the best interests of the town demand it, a rigid quarantine will be established.

Mayor Dixon asks The Gazette to assure the people of the town that nothing will be withheld from the public but that, on the other hand, they will be kept fully informed of any developments that may arise.

Information from the physicians this morning is to the effect that the child is in a serious condition and is hardly expected to live.

Another case which the physicians strongly suspect is cerebro-spinal meningitis, but of which a definite diagnosis has not yet been made, is reported from Linwood College, six miles west of Gastonia. The patient is Eugene Lindsay, aged about 13, a son of Rev. A. T. Lindsay, president of Linwood College. He became ill Saturday night and Dr. J. E. Anthony, of Kings Mountain, was called. Last night Dr. Anthony called Dr. J. A. Anderson, city physician of Gastonia, in consultation. They are almost positive that the case is one of cerebro-spinal meningitis and, pending a final decision in the matter, the residence of Dr. Lindsay has been placed under a strict quarantine. The Lindsay home is some distance from the college buildings.

Rev. A. T. Lindsay, father of the patient, was in Tennessee on business and was notified by wire at once of the boy's condition. He reached home yesterday. Dr. W. E. Lindsay, a physician and brother of Rev. A. T. Lindsay, was summoned from Chattanooga and arrived here this morning.

Asked by The Gazette this forenoon for a statement regarding the case, County Physician L. N. Glenn stated that he has received no official notification of the case so far.

## How to Avoid Pneumonia.

(State Board of Health Bulletin.)  
Pneumonia kills over 2500 North Carolinians annually. It is now generally believed by the medical profession that this disease is carried in the secretions of the nose, mouth and respiratory tracts of those who have it. Formerly it was thought that nearly everybody, healthy people and others, carried the pneumococcus or germ that causes pneumonia in the secretions of the mouth, nose and throat, and that these germs got in their work when one's physical resistance is lowered. This is no longer thought to be necessarily true.

Now that we know more about pneumonia, thanks to the Rockefeller Institute of Medical Research, we know better how to avoid it. First of all, we know every case of pneumonia should be regarded as a possible source of infection. Since the disease is infectious, we know that every patient should be isolated as far as possible, and communication with other people reduced to a minimum. Furthermore, all eating and drinking utensils, handkerchiefs, clothing and bedding should be kept separate and thoroughly sterilized before being again put into general use. This precaution should be continued for a month after the patient is well.

Those in attendance or in contact with pneumonia patients, should refrain from promiscuous kissing and spitting, and cover the mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing. They should also avoid unnecessary visiting and mingling with other persons.

Fresh air for the patient as well as for the attendants and every one else, is one of the greatest factors in both the prevention and cure of the disease. Pneumonia is frequently called a foul air disease because it is so frequently on account of lack of ventilation that the infection is spread.

## SEVENTEEN GERMAN PLANES BROUGHT DOWN

(By International News Service.)  
LONDON, Feb. 20.—Great aerial activity is in progress over the Western front. Seventeen German planes were shot down yesterday, it was officially announced today. Two British machines are missing. The British carried out bombing raids against Treves and Thionville.

## GERMAN ARMIES CONTINUE TO ADVANCE IN RUSSIA

(By International News Service.)  
COPENHAGEN, Feb. 20.—Although Petrograd dispatches announce that the Bolsheviki government is willing to make peace on any terms, the advance of the German armies continues. According to advices today the Germans are moving towards the Dubno-Rovno line and towards Lieutrin.

## MORE MEN CALLED FOR EXAMINATION FRIDAY.

The above registrants are called for examination on Friday, February 22, 1918:

- John B. Foster, 418.
- Benjamin Franklin Gunter, 490.
- Alphonso Leonhardt Mauney, 3-523.
- Clarence Floyd Cobb, 697.
- Oscar William Lawing, 735.
- Wm. Cleaver PUNCH, 827.
- John Pinkney Hart, 1151.
- Edgar Blanchette Kay, 1200.
- James Walters Guye, 1204.
- Garland Earl Lutz, 1209.
- Willie Gibson, 1210.
- Gathers Ivey Morrison, 1216.
- Kelly Hayes, 1245.
- Carl L. Smith, 1252.
- Elias Carl Black, 1253.
- William G. Helms, 1267.
- James Frank Wilson, 1274.
- Sam Stroup, 1287.
- Alex. Edward Ellington, 1288.
- Leroy McGinnis, 1297.
- Chester Claud Huffsticker, 1301.
- Joe Avery Gunter, 1308.
- Grady Horace Wents, 1316.
- Thurman Hull, 1321.
- Joseph Henry Reynolds, 1326.
- Cleveland C. Christensbury, 1377.
- Hunter Columbus Morrow, 1646.
- John Clarence Abernathy, 1706.
- K. Fred Davis, 1773.
- John Boyd Froneberger, 1808.
- Robert Randolph Allison, 1839.
- George Roper, 1911.
- Lloyd Pinkney Spargo, 2331.
- William Davis, 2387.
- Marion Jackson, 2451.
- James Osborn Gladden, 3529.

- COLORED.
- William Henry Smith 166.
- Seville Hinson, 235.
- Wm. Manuel Froneberger, 347.
- Benjamin McLeary, 396.
- Samuel Leroy Crosby, 885.
- Robert Murdock, 934.
- Joe Cathey, 1103.
- Oscar Allen Adams, 1111.
- John William Tate, 1136.
- James Nichols Stalworth, 1236.
- Frank Youngblood, 1275.
- Ed Williams, 1291.
- Ernest Reeves, 1300.
- Herbert Friday, 1307.
- Zenis Alfred Hunter, 1309.
- Arthur Friday, 1333.
- Nathaniel Glass Hoke, 1391.
- James Wilson, 1414.
- Henry Sanders, 1518.
- Moses Sanders, 1794.
- Will Sadler, 1796.
- Pink Williams, 1860.
- Jesse Armstrong, 1941.
- Frank Edward Burris, 1959.
- Hezekiah Bookman, 2002.
- Walter Wilkes, 2069.
- Lovlie Boulter, 2127.
- George Love, 2272.
- Will Tate, 2390.
- Earle Friday, 3576.

The above registrants are hereby notified to appear for physical examination on the date and hour notified. Call at the local exemption board for the county of Gaston, rooms 201-202, Realty building.

**Teeth Under Suspicion.**  
Bad teeth are now believed to be an important source of rheumatism, heart disease and kidney trouble. The germs producing these diseases may get into the system from an unsuspected abscess at the root of a tooth, whose presence may be revealed only by an X-ray photograph. Doctors tell of children recovering from Bright's disease as soon as their teeth are properly cared for. In fact the teeth have come under suspicion along with the tonsils, and X-ray pictures of them are part of a thorough physical examination.

**Meaning of "Purim."**  
The word "purim," the name of the great annual festival of the Jews, means "lots." This feast commemorates the preservation of the Jews in Persia from the massacre with which they were threatened by Haman (Esther 9). They gave the name of Purim or "lots" to commemorate the festival because he had thrown lots to ascertain what day would be auspicious for the massacre.

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## DAILY FOOD CONSERVATION PROGRAM

### SUNDAY

One wheatless and one meatless meal.

### MONDAY

Wheatless Day. One Meatless Meal

### TUESDAY

Meatless---Porkless. One wheatless meal.

### WEDNESDAY

All day wheatless. One meatless meal.

### THURSDAY

One wheatless and one meatless meal.

### FRIDAY

One wheatless and one meatless meal.

### SATURDAY

Porkless day. One wheatless and one meatless meal.

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